

REMARKS

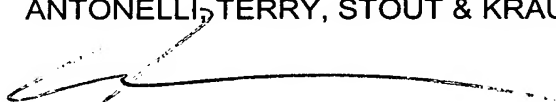
Applicants are amending claim 1, to recite that an antistatic film is provided over the mask substrate. Note, for example, pages 45-47 of Applicants' specification.

Entry of the present amendments, prior to examination of the above-identified application, and thereafter examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

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